**Senior posts lying vacant in the Ministry of Shipping and Transport**

173. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several senior posts in the Ministry of Shipping and Transport are lying vacant since long; and

(to) if so, what stepa have been taken by Government to fill up these posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R, ANSARI): (a) and (b) Only four senior posts of the rank of Deputy Secretary and above in the Ministry of Shipping and Transport proper are lying vacant. Action for filling them up is in hand.

**Railway accidents and crimes**

174. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT:
SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ:
SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA; SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU;
SHRI J. P. GOYAL:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:
PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA;

Will -the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) what is the number of various kinds of rail accidents which took place during the last six months together with the causes;

(b) the number of persons who died in these rail accidents together with the names of places where they died and what was the amount of compensation paid;

(c) whether it is a fact that the number of accidents this year is more in comparison to those during the last two years and the estimated amount spent on safety devices during the years 1984.85 and so far, during 1985-86;

(d) what measures are being taken to investigate the causes of mishaps to prevent their recurrence;

(e) what is the number of persons run over by railway trains during the last orie year; and

(f) whether it is also a fact that the cases of thefts, dacoities and pickpocketings in trains have tremendously increased?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL); (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

175. [Transferred to *the* 29th *July*, 1985.]

**Railway coach Manufacturing Unit**

176. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTI RAM PATEL: Will -the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Gujarat has requestec'. for locating the proposed railway passenger coach manufacturing unit in Gujarat;

(b) whether Government have taken any decision to set up railway passenger coach manufacturing unit; and

(e) if so, what are the details in this regard?